

On the Green—A publication for Gallaudet faculty, teachers, and staff
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Maribel Garate, an assistant professor in the Department of Education, leads a discussion at a May 21 training on bilingual teaching. Ten faculty members took part in the first two-week session of this ongoing training, beginning just after Commencement. The participants, who represent six departments in the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies, will work individually through the summer to develop bilingual teaching projects. They will reconvene in August to present their ideas, then implement their polished strategies in the fall. The training was organized by Dr. Dirksen Bauman, professor and coordinator of bilingual education in the ASL and Deaf Studies Program, and sponsored by the Office of Faculty Development, to address objective B.1 of the Gallaudet Strategic Plan, which emphasizes creating an environment and support systems that encourage degree completion.



Bison Roundup

Academic awards roll in for student-athletes

Fifty-eight of Gallaudet's 145 student-athletes in one or more Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) sport—40 percent—were selected by the CAC as All-Academic honorees for posting a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher during the 2009-2010 academic year. The University has 13 sports played in the CAC, and 12 had at least one student-athlete represented on the conference all-academic team. Four Bison student-athletes recorded a perfect 4.0 GPA during the school year—women's soccer freshman Johanna Arrigo, men's swimming junior Kyle Dacus, volleyball senior Amanda Krieger, and women's cross country junior Kirsten Swanson. Gallaudet's top teams with the CAC All-Academic selections include volleyball (10) and women's swimming (nine). Men's swimming (seven) and men's soccer (seven) were the top men's sports teams. Volleyball (10 out of 11) and women's cross country (six out of

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Clerc Center Happenings

D.C. police officer rewards two MSSD students with rides of a lifetime



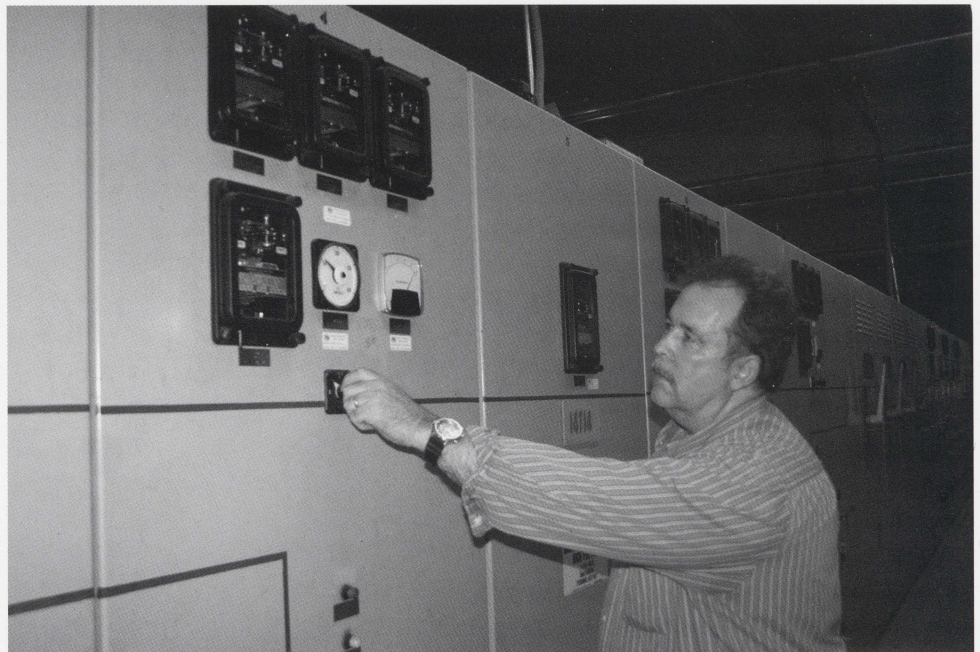
Photo: Susan Flanigan

MSSD students Oliver Lee (left) and Marquita Whitfield prepare for an aerial tour of the city. Officer Myra Wheeler-Jordan (second from right), coordinator of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Police Department's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Unit, who arranged the flight, stands by the chopper door while Clerc Center Manager of Student Climate Charlene Ward interprets. The students were also treated to a ride on the Potoamc River on one of the police department's high-speed patrol boats.

By Susan M. Flanigan

Officer Myra Wheeler-Jordan, coordinator of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Unit of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Police Department, knows teenagers well and believes in supporting positive behavior. She wanted to reward two outstanding MSSD students by recognizing them in a way they would remember, and would impress their peers—a helicopter sightseeing tour of Washington, D.C. and a patrol boat ride on the Potomac River.

Wheeler-Jordan asked the school to identify two seniors, one with the highest grade point average and the other with the most improved grade point average. The school



Stephen Kalmus, Gallaudet's manager of utility services, takes a reading from the high voltage switch gear in the Central Utility Building that displays campus electrical usage.

Gallaudet has partnered with its electrical supplier, Hess Energy Services, and signed on to the Load Demand Response program, which requires the campus to commit to reducing electrical usage during times of peak demand when local power grids are under significant stress.

Participation in the program will involve occasional alerts to the campus asking people to reduce their use of electricity during peak periods. The campus will be notified via the Emergency Broadcast Announcement and campus cable TV. A message might read: "There is an electrical load curtailment event in effect between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Please turn off all unnecessary electrical lights, office equipment, and appliances."

The campus can expect between one and 10 interruptions between June and September.

The Load Demand Response program complements the University's efforts by enabling it to reduce energy when the grid is under stress, while reducing overhead costs and earning additional

revenue. Not only does this mean financial savings, but it responsibly reduces the impact the campus has on the environment and the local community. These voluntary usage reductions assure that local homes and businesses have adequate electrical power, avoiding brown outs or complete electrical power outages.

Members of the campus community need not wait for a Demand Response notice to help the University reduce energy consumption. To help save on utility consumption:

- Turn off lights when not needed
- Report running toilets and other water wastes
- Take shorter showers
- Instead of using personal appliances (mini refrigerators, microwave, etc.), use those already on hand in the dorm or office kitchen.

Even small actions can make a difference by reducing utility costs while being a good neighbor to the local community. ■

nominated Oliver Lee as the student with the highest GPA and Marquita Whitfield as having the most improved GPA.

"Oliver Lee and Marquita Whitfield were honored for their hard work and motivation this year with a reward unlike any I've seen in my 15 years as an educator," said Charlene Ward, the Clerc Center's manager of student climate, who accompanied the students on their May 27 journey. Wheeler-Jordan arrived at the school in her squad car to escort the students and Ward to the police department's heliport, located on the Anacostia River near Washington Nationals Stadium. Pilot Jeff McCormick had the Eurocopter AStar helicopter ready and waiting. Prior to the ride, the officers reviewed safety rules and responded to the students' questions.

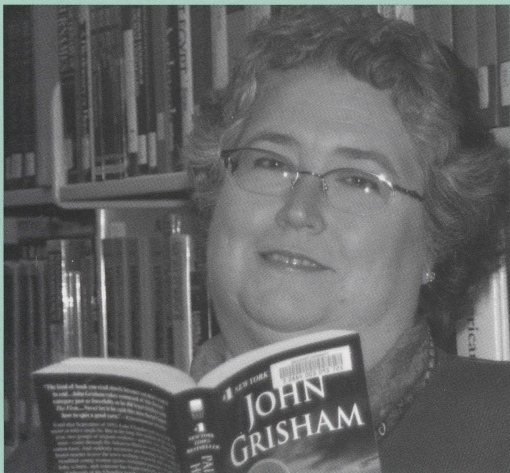
The helicopter lifted off and headed over Nationals Stadium. The route took the passengers over the National Monument, the White House, the Washington National Zoo, Arlington National Cemetery, Kendall Green, and many other landmarks.

On the ground, one more surprise awaited the students, courtesy of Wheeler-Jordan. They were whisked to the Marine Barracks in southeast D.C. for a ride in one of the police department's high-speed patrol boats. Officer Dennis Hamel welcomed the guests onboard the Zodiac Hurricane and headed down the Washington Channel and out into the Potomac River. Officer Rob Belden, accompanied by Wheeler-Jordan, drove a larger police patrol boat behind the chase boat. On the return journey into the "no wake" zone of the channel, the pilot gave both students an opportunity to steer the boat.

The students loved the adventure. Whitfield said the helicopter ride was amazing and that it was "beautiful to see the scale of things from the air. It was really cool to see Ronald Reagan [Washington National] Airport." Lee liked driving the Zodiac and feeling the power of the boat. Wheeler-Jordan, with the support of the D.C. Police Department, was thrilled to be able to offer these hard-working students the reward of a lifetime, and they were thrilled to experience it. ■

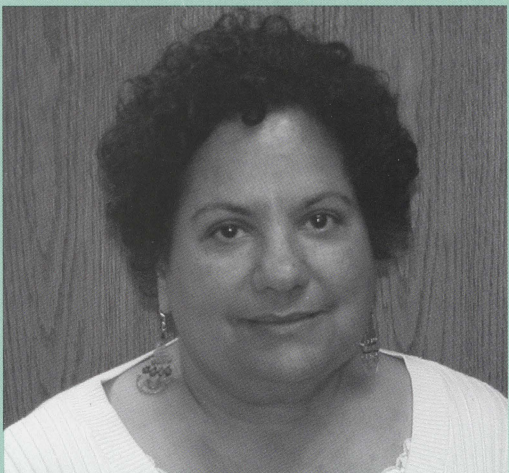
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What book do you recommend for summertime reading?



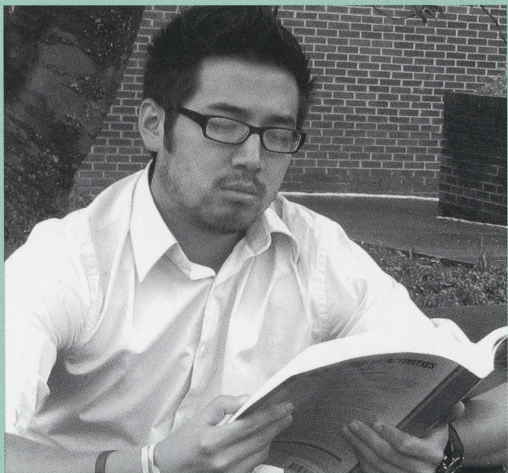
John Grisham's A Painted House. In my opinion, it has all the required features of good summer reading: it's set primarily in summertime, it has compelling characters and a good story, it's an easy read, and baseball is prominently featured! It's available here in the Library — 813.54 G747pai 2003 in the general stacks.

Sarah Hamrick, director of Library public services, Library



I don't have much time for reading now because I'm focusing on my dissertation, but during my upcoming one-week vacation, I plan to read The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks. It brings up many ethical issues that I'm interested in.

Sanremi LaRue, instructional supervisor, Tutorial and Instructional Programs



I recommend Coach Carter by Jasmine Jones. It's an inspiring story about Ken Carter, a basketball coach for the Richmond High School Oilers in Northern California. I like how he insisted, in spite of all criticism, that his winning athletes make academics their first priority and sports the second priority.

Guang "Jaz" Chuang, KDES boys basketball coach



Marquita Whitfield and Oliver Lee took this aerial photo of Gallaudet campus from a D.C. Police helicopter on May 27. (See article on page 1)

Among Ourselves

Dr. Donna Mertens, a professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research, made several presentations recently. They included "Social Transformation in/with the Disability Community," "Divergent Thinking in Mixed Methods Research," and "Transformative Mixed Methods: From Theory to Praxis," at the Qualitative Inquiry Congress, University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana, in May; a keynote address, "Divergence in Evaluation Mixed Methods: Transformative, Pragmatic, and Dialectical Stances," at the Ohio Program Evaluation Network annual conference, Columbus, in May; and "Research and Evaluation Paradigms: Alternative Views of the World," at the annual meeting of the R.W. Johnson Foundation Evaluation Fellows, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa., in March.

News from France, an English language newsletter published by the French Embassy, featured a front-page article about a delegation to Haiti that originated at Gallaudet. The article describes how a group of deaf and hearing volunteers, including Gallaudet Finance Office Cashier Juan Reinbold, toured Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas from February 10 to 20 to assess the impact of the January earthquake on the deaf population. The delegation also helped deaf leaders develop strategies to assist the community with housing and other needs, and distributed funds for immediate assistance. Later in the publication, an interview with French Embassy Administrative Agent Emmanuel Jacq, a deaf member of the delegation to Haiti, reveals that the diplomat has great respect for the University. "[In college] I was given notes from other students in my class to read afterwards, but it was extremely time consuming," he said. "I wish I would have had the opportunity to study at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C."



Bison Roundup

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seven) were one student-athlete shy of a clean sweep of having their entire roster on the conference All-Academic team. Gallaudet's volleyball team had the highest percentage, with over 90 percent of its roster on the All-Academic team. The 58 honorees is Gallaudet's second-highest total in the past four years. Last year, Gallaudet had 62 honorees out of 136 student-athletes (45.6 percent).

Gallaudet, a charter member of the CAC (1989), finished its final year in the conference this spring and officially joined the North Eastern Athletic Conference this summer.

Cross Country runner Rose Ritz named to CoSIDA Academic All-District Second Team

Gallaudet women's cross country runner Rose Ritz was selected to the 2009-2010 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District second team for the College Division-District 2, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Gallaudet is a member of the College Division (Division II, III, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and two-year schools) and is in District 2 for CoSIDA Academic honors.

Ritz is the only student-athlete from the CAC represented on the list. The junior psychology major, who holds a 3.82 grade point average, is in the honors program and is a member of the Psi Chi honor society. She finished fifth at the CAC cross country championships last October, which was the best finish for Gallaudet in over 10 years, and earned her All-CAC first team honors. She went on to finish 89th out of 189 runners at the NCAA Division III South/Southeast Regional Championship in Greensboro, N.C. Outside of school and running at Gallaudet, Ritz is the mother of twin girls, age 3. Before she transferred to

Gallaudet from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee she was a sergeant in the Marine Corps, where she served for four years and received an honorable discharge.

Ritz is the third Bison to earn Academic All-District honors this school year, as senior Shana Lehmann was named to the volleyball first team in November and junior swimmer Kyle Dacus was named to the at-large second team in May. ■

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